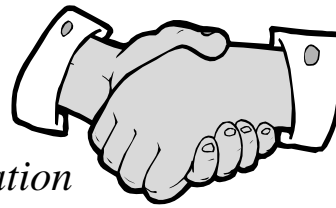


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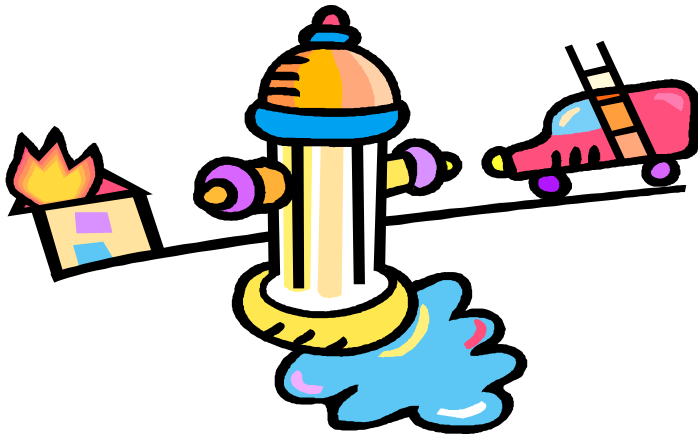
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## FAMILY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

### Fire Facts




#### Did you know?

- Deaths caused by winter fires are particularly preventable.
- 82% of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- Most fires happen in the kitchen because of unattended cooking.
- Most fatal fires occur at night when we are sleeping.
- Fires are a special concern during the winter months, which call for more indoor activities and increased use of lighting, heating and appliances.











### Life-Saving Tips for Winter Fires

Following these simple fire safety tips increase survival rates dramatically. Please share them with your family because knowledge is the best fire protection.

-  Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home.
-  Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least twice a year.
-  Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.



-  Make sure your space heaters have an emergency shutoff in case they tip over. Select a space heater with a guard around the heating element.
-  Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other flammable materials.
-  Only use the fuel recommended by the manufacturer.
-  Never refill a space heater while it is operating or still hot and refuel outside, away from the house.

-  Have your furnace and chimney professionally inspected and cleaned annually. Chimney tar buildup is a common cause of chimney fires.
-  Use a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks igniting nearby carpets or furniture.
-  Dispose of hot ashes in covered metal containers placed away from the house.
-  Make sure wood stoves are properly installed, away from combustible surfaces, have the proper floor support and adequate ventilation.



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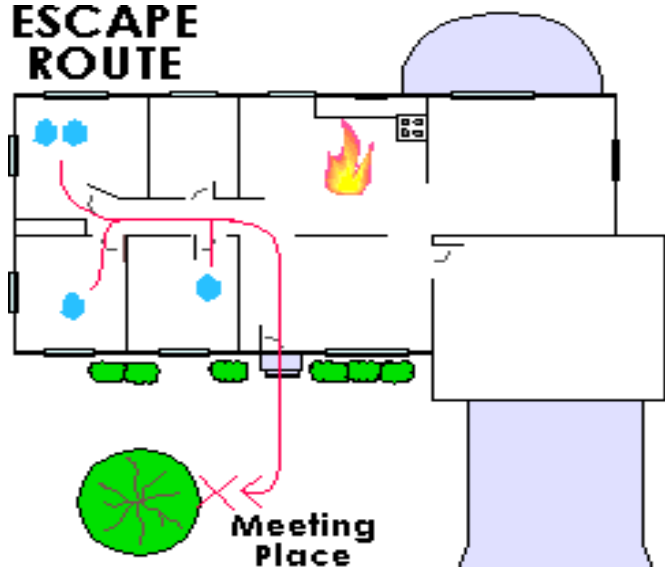
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## Plan and Practice a Home Fire Drill

### ESCAPE ROUTE

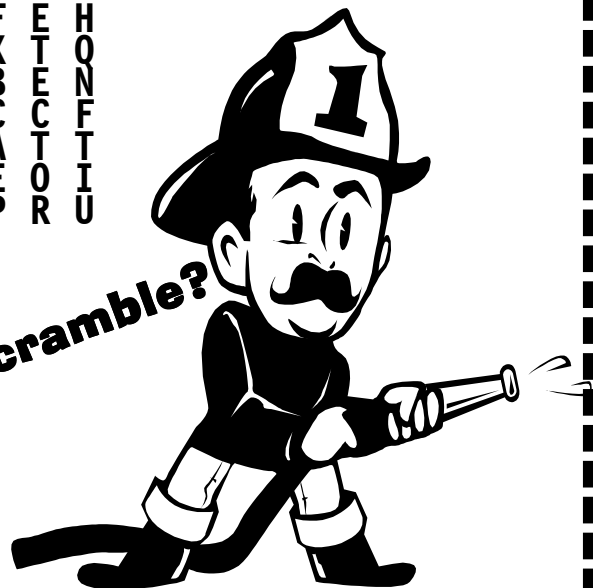


1. Draw your escape plan and know two ways out of every room.
2. Go over your plan together and place it where everyone can see it.
3. Keep exit paths clear of clutter.
4. Push the smoke alarm test button to start the fire drill.
6. Get low and go (crawl under smoke) to your nearest exit.
7. Have a meeting place outside and away from your home.
9. In a real fire, call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's phone.
10. Never go back in a burning house for any reason.

## Just for Kids!!

D R J K E D H A L L  
V E C C K R C F L W  
V T S U O O X L L A  
F H S R M P O H C R  
R G O T S R P Z E C  
G I A E E P A C S E  
S F G R O R P O T S  
I E L I M C E L O W  
H R N F X B C A E P  
X I D E T T E C T O R  
P F F H O N F T I U

CRAWL  
DROP  
FIREFIGHTER  
FIRETRUCK  
LOW  
ROLL  
SMOKE  
STOP



Can you find these words in the scramble?

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Prevention Division at the Salina Fire Department at (785) 826-7340.

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